

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Paragraph beginning on page 4, at prenumbered line 14, has been amended as follows:

A preferred embodiment of the nail-guiding grooves of the nail cartridge of a nailing gun in the present invention, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, includes a nail cartridge 30 made of ~~aluminum~~ aluminum, engineering plastic, or reinforced plastic pressed into shape and formed inside with a plurality of symmetrical and parallel nail-guiding grooves 31 for receiving a nail row 40. Each nail-guiding groove 31 has the opposite edges of its one wall, on which the nail heads 41 of the nail row 40 rest, respectively formed integral with a combining groove 311 fixed inside with an abrasion-resisting plate 312 (a steel plate of high strength and high wear resistance used in this embodiment). The width of the combining groove 311 (or the abrasion-resisting plate 312) is about ~~two-thirds of~~ twice the thickness of the wall ~~33~~ between two adjacent nail-guiding grooves 31. Thus, when one round of nail striking is finished and the nail row 40 is moved upward to supply nails, the nail heads 41 of the nail row 40 can rest against the abrasion-resisting plate 312 and shift thereon to prevent the opposite wall corners of the nail-guiding groove 31 from being worn out by the nail heads 41 of the nail row 40 and enable the nail row 40 to move upward smoothly to supply nails. Besides, the nail-guiding groove 31 can always maintain a constant gap so the nail heads 41 can be avoided deadlocked when the nail row 40 is moved upward to supply nails.

Paragraph beginning on page 5, at prenumbered line 13, has been amended as follows:

Further, as shown in Fig. 6, the combining groove 311 of the nail-guiding groove 31 in this invention has one side wall or two side walls respectively and laterally provided with a ~~V-shaped~~ V-shaped, or rectangular-shaped, or round-shaped /positioning rib 311 at a preset height, and the abrasion-resisting plate 312 has one side edge or two side edges respectively provided with a positioning groove 3121 matching with and having the same shape as the positioning rib 311. Thus,

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the abrasion-resisting plate 312 can be laterally fixed with the combining groove 311 so as to reinforce their combination.